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Prologue

In the beginning there was Nothing.

Out of Nothing came Time.

With Time, came Change.

With Time and Change came Darkness and everything was good.

In time, Light came out of Darkness. Light was beautiful. It was both hot and cold.

Soon after both Darkness and Light collide, And they made a burst of Energy.

With Energy, the world of Gerode, withs its moons and sun. It made the stars and other worlds. It also made all Life and Death.

With Life and Death, it helped produce creatures on Gerode and other worlds. On Gerode it made all kind of races of creatures, from Melodies to Uliedes. But of these creatures, only three races could tell time, and knew about their own mortality, could build weapons with two of the rarest and most dangerous metals; Chrome Bronze, and Chrome Gold. These races where the Dwarfs, Elves, and Humans.

With all of these creatures, stars, and planets made it brought Darkness and Light close

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Throughout these years Darkness could feel all of Light's energy in all creatures, except for the very few creature that had a lot of Darkness energy, and it began to become jealous of Light. So after that Darkness would send Dark spirits to possess and destroy all of Light's energy from a whole tribe of Minotaurs. They were only the first to get darkened. Soon after the darkening of many tribes on the northern part of a mountain range called Raycorian in the southern region of Gerode, they declared war on the rest of the region. Sadly enough the whole region turned was darkened.

Time passed and all was peaceful as it could be with Darkness controlling part of the world.

Soon there was war.

With all of the Army of Light (as they were later called) Preparing for war, Humans were put to the test because they were weak to the rest of the tribes standard, exempt for the very few who happened to have element powers. The power was only seen in Dwarfs, Elves, and Humans. It helped in the war but those who had it were killed or their powers stripped from them. Even with that the Humans got treated less of.

They got more respect by the rest of the Army of Light, because of the Battle of Forever, in which an army of less than 700 Humans protected the Capital of the Western Region for 2 weeks, which seemed like forever, with Darkness strongest forces attacking them and with no supplies or back up coming. They defeated each wave of 2,000 Dark Servant at a time. In the end only 235 of the 700 were left alive..... and in the brink of insanity.

During the war, the race of Dwarfs had just made a weapon. Machines. They were made of a new discovered metals Chrome Steel. They helped but they could also be possessed by Dark Spirits.

Soon all that was left of The Army of Light was the Northern region, three fourths of the Western, and half of the Eastern region.

While the war was going on a prophecy was given:

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Six shall be born, one made, and one renewed.

While two sleep, the rest shall grow.

When one of the born finds the one made, the remade will be found in the maze. With the fourth born is healed by the sea of the unknown, love will be confested. When the son of Death is befriended,

only then will Darkness be able to be defeated with an attack of a thousand lost souls.

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It has been more than a year that Zodiark was relieved by the Resistance of Claymore, which is the oldest and strongest of the first to battle the Dark Servants when the first attacked the border towns of the Eastern Region but got moved up to the northern part of the region because the Dark Servants continuous attacks.

The Resistance only relieved soldiers for a few months but never more than a year. At first he was happy that the break was longer than usual but after the twelfth month he began to worry about the Resistance. They made him go to a cabin in the cold Northern Region which was 20 miles away from the Fort of Hope in the Valley of Fruits, due to its consistancy of growing fruits even when the Valley was littered with rotting corpes that have been thier for months. So that moring he decided to set out to the Fort. He packed the essentials; a couple blankets, a tin of dried deer jerky, an extra pair of all terrain boots, some canteens of water, his hiking stick, his Chrome Bronze Shield and his Chrome Gold sword. He also took a book with weird writing in it because he had woken up with it in his knapsack when he was left for dead by group of Dark Servants about 3 years ago. He had put on his necklace of a dark crystal inside of a rim of Chrome Gold, which he has ha since he could remember. When ever he puts it on he always has a feeling of dread or as if something bad has happened. When he was young he was taken in by a very violent but protective family because they found him as a toddler wandering around in desert all dehydrated and crying with horrible scratch marks on him. While growing up he learn to fight better than the best of the best in his adoptive family, but it only made them bitter towards him so he decided to stay to himself and to follow the rules until he found a nich to make

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Command Lerod Farrell were eaten alive by the Dark Cyclopes, Tious took command of the small army of less than 700 Human soldiers, as the strongest of the Dark Servants army attacked them to get to the Capital of the Western Region. With no reinforcements or supplies coming in they had to keep on fighting during the long windy nights because Dark Servants are strongest during the night. In the end the leaders of the assault , three Giants, came themselves with the remaining of their army of 4000 Dark Servants to face the 489 soldiers left. After two long hot windless days and two long cold, windy nights they finally defeated the army of the Dark Servants with two of thier Giant general's while one disapered in the fog.In the end the army had 235 soliders on the brink of going to insanity. Zodiark was rewarded by being made temporary General of those 235 soldiers with an extra thousand more until the found an experienced General to take over the army.

He only packed a little because he knew he could take the animals his traps had caught during the night, which were only rabbits and a young deer. He left the fire wood and the candles in the cabin for someone who would need them when they were relived. All he had to do was think of fire and he could summon it. He was one of the few left that had Elemental Powers. The powers are only seen in Humans, Elves, and Dwarfs, which was weird.They had powers over the elements and could summon being or creatures of those element. It had its advantages during a fight or battle, but it's not something you can bring up in a conversation in the Mess hall. Having elemental powers was thought to be a blessing from Light, or if you had the power to shadow-travel or control some kind of darkness, it was some kind of curse of Darkness itself. Unfortunately Zodiark had powers over the darkness, but no one knew about it. the only time he uses it is to shadow travel, but it's not always safe because it sometimes attracts Dark Servants. At times powerful ones like Minotaurs or Tydres, a two headed horse that very fast and eats the very soul, one of the original Dark Creatures.Last time he used it he ended up in the middle of a battle and it was not pretty. He had sworn to himself to only use it in elections or if he needed to get somewhere quickly and night has fallen.

Its had been more than an hour that he had left the cabin, and the whole time he had felt that he was being watched. It was also getting dark so any Dark Servant could be lurking around and he

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sense in all directions for at least 25 miles, which he could already do in the day. It's helpful for when there's very thick fog but it would still fail.

When night came it was pitch dark. He decided to continue walking for one more mile until he lit a fire and rested. But then he heard a noise. The sound of something heavy stepping on to the cold frozen snow. But there was also a sound of snow touching a very hot surface. And it was very close. But it was too late

He was sent flying in terminal speed into some boulders. When he was about to hit the boulders something caught him. It was a moonless night and cloudy, so he could not see or sense them. All he knew was that they were large, and hot in temperature. But he also sense that they were not after him. He just stepped into a mating ground.

It wouldn't be the first time.

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